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DRY FARMING
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details regarding dry farming in the country and its relevance in augmenting the food supply in India; and

(b) the States where dry farming is being done?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): Rainfed farming which includes dry farming is practised over 87.45 million hectares net cultivated area of the country. Irrigated farming, on the other hand is practised in 54.57 million hectares net cultivated area.

Foodgrain production in the country accrues from an estimated 142 million hectares of cultivated land. Major foodgrains crops of rainfed/dry farming areas are coarse cereals, pulses and oilseeds. Rainfed areas contribute substantially to the total production of coarse cereal (89%), pulses (89%), and oilseeds (75%).

(b): Rainfed farming which includes dry farming is predominant in the States of Rajasthan, Gujarat, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Orissa, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttaranchal, Jharkhand and Chattisgarh